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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKU ICHIRYU : EXAMINER: VERDIER, C.
SERIAL NO: 09/680,400 :
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FOR: FASTENING ARRANGEMENT FOR :
A SPLIT CASING

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment. A clean copy as amended appears below.

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 27 to page 2, line 18, with the following text:

In Fig. 7, reference numeral 100 designates a casing consisting of two casing halves 110a and 120a. 110b and 120b designate flanges formed at the joint portions of the casing halves 110a and 120a. The flanges 110b and 120b are fastened together by a plurality of fastening bolts 115. Each of the fastening bolts is provided with a bolt head 115d at one end thereof and a screw thread 115a at the other end thereof. Threaded bolt holes 120c which engage the screw threads 115a of the bolts 115 are provided on the flange 120b of one of the

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